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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 November 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23,25 and 27-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23,25 and 27-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1,4,13,25 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claim 4, line 2, and the phrase "such as" renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitations following the phrase are part of the claimed invention. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

Regarding claims 1,13,25 and 31, the limitation "transmitting subscriber data from the terminal to said subscriber database to modify the subscriber database contents " is indefinite. Since subscriber data is already present in the subscriber database, the claimed limitation does not make it clear whether a different subscriber data or the same subscriber data needs to be transmitted from the terminal to said subscriber database. It appears that a different subscriber data is transmitted from terminal to said subscriber database to modify the subscriber database contents.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-11,14-22,25,27-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Dahm et al (20010014615).

3. Regarding claim 1 Dahm et al teaches a method of providing telecommunication services in a telecommunication system comprising at least one terminal (106), a serving network (108) providing the terminal (106) with services, and at least one bearer network in functional connection with the serving network (108), the method comprising (figs. 1,6):

creating at least one database comprising subscriber data, from which there is a functional connection to the bearer network (para. # 0053);

establishing a connection between the serving network and the terminal being established by means of a subscriber application comprised by the terminal (para. # 0053-0054);

arranging communication between the terminal and said subscriber database by Internet Protocol based data (para. # 0053-0054);

performing automated checking of the right of the terminal to use said subscriber database (para. # 0054);

automatically transmitting from the subscriber database subscriber data from said subscriber database to the terminal, to the serving network, or to the terminal and

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the serving network in response to the terminal having the right to use said subscriber database (para. # 0054-0055); and

providing the terminal with services according to at least said transmitted subscriber data (para. # 0051,0055); and

transmitting subscriber data from the terminal to said subscriber database to modify the subscriber database contents (para. # 0051,0055).

Regarding claim 13 Dahm et al teaches a telecommunication system comprising at least one terminal, a serving network providing the terminal with services, and at least one bearer network in functional connection with the serving network, wherein the bearer network is configured to create at least one database comprising subscriber data, a functional connection being configured between said at least one subscriber database and the bearer network (para. # 0051-0055, figs. 1,6);

the terminal and the serving network are configured to establish a connection by means of a subscriber application comprised by the terminal (para. # 0051-0055);

the terminal and the serving network are configured to arrange Internet Protocol base a data transmission communication between the terminal and said subscriber database (para. # 0051-0055);

said subscriber database is configured to check the right of the terminal to use said subscriber database (para. # 0051-0055);

automatic submission of subscriber database is configured in the system from the subscriber database to the terminal, serving network or to the terminal and serving network in response to the terminal having the right to use said subscriber database;

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service provision for the terminal is configured in the system in accordance with at least said transmitted subscriber data (para. # 0051-0055); and

transmitting subscriber data from the terminal to said subscriber database to modify the subscriber database contents (para. # 0051-0055).

Regarding claims 25 Dahm et al teaches a terminal device for a telecommunication system, wherein the terminal is configured to establish a connection with a serving network by a subscriber application comprised by the terminal (para. # 0051-0055);

the terminal is configured to communication with the subscriber database by Internet protocol base data transmission (para. # 0051-0055);

the terminal is configured to transmit identification information to said subscriber database (para. # 0051-0055);

the terminal is configured to receive subscriber data related to said subscriber database from the subscriber database as an automatic result of automated checking to confirm the right of the terminal to use said subscriber database (para. # 0051-0055);

the terminal is configured to transmit subscriber data to said subscriber database to modify the subscriber database contents (para. # 0051-0055).

Regarding claims 2,14,26 Dahm et al teaches wherein said subscriber data to be transmitted comprise a subscriber identifier (para. # 0053).

Regarding claims 3,15,27 Dahm et al teaches wherein said subscriber data to be transmitted to the serving network comprise a subscriber identifier according to said subscriber database; said subscriber identifier is associated in the serving network with

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the identifier of the subscriber application comprised by the terminal; the terminal is identified outside the serving network on the basis of said subscriber identifier; and data to the subscriber of said subscriber database are directed in the serving network to the terminal (para. # 0051-0055).

Regarding claims 4,16,28 Dahm et al teaches wherein the address of said subscriber database, such as an IP address, is transmitted from the terminal to the serving network; and a connection is established from the terminal to said subscriber database on the basis of the address of said subscriber database (para. # 0051-0055).

Regarding claims 5,17,29 Dahm et al teaches transmitting location information about the terminal to at least one bearer network; and transmitting data directed to the subscriber of said subscriber database to the serving network on the basis of said location information (para. # 0039).

Regarding claims 6,30 Dahm et al teaches wherein said subscriber data comprise information about the services to be provided for the subscriber (para. # 0051,0055).

Regarding claims 7,18 Dahm et al teaches wherein said subscriber data comprise the subscriber's personal data (para. # 0051-0055).

Regarding claims 8,19 Dahm et al teaches wherein services of the bearer network are activated for use for the terminal by means of said transmitted subscriber data (para. # 0051-0055).

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Regarding claims 9,20 Dahm et al teaches wherein the information about said subscriber database to be used is transmitted from the terminal to the serving network (para. # 0051-0055).

Regarding claims 10,21 Dahm et al teaches arranging the subscriber data in said subscriber database to be modified by the terminal and/or the bearer network (para. # 0051-0055).

Regarding claims 11,22 Dahm et al teaches wherein said telecommunication system is a mobile communication system; and said subscriber database comprises data that are at least partly the same as in the subscriber application (para. # 0051-0055).

Regarding claim 31 Dahm et al teach a network element device for a telecommunication system, the network element comprising a subscriber database comprising subscriber data, wherein the network element device is configured to communicate with a terminal by internet Protocol based data transmission (para. # 0051-0055);

the network element device is configured to check the right of the terminal to use the subscriber database (para. # 0051-0055); and

the network element device is configured to transmit subscriber data from the subscriber database to the terminal, to a serving network, or to the terminal and the serving network in response to the terminal having the right to use said subscriber database (para. # 0051-0055); and



the network element device is configured to receive subscriber data from the terminal to said subscriber database to modify the subscriber database contents (para. # 0051-0055).

4. Claims 12, 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dahm et al (20010014615) further in view of Oh (6519458).

5. Regarding claims 12,23 Dahm et al teaches wherein the connection between the terminal and said subscriber database is established by using HyperText Markup Language (HTML) browser technology. Dahm et al does not specifically teach wherein the connection between the terminal and said subscriber database is established by using WAP technology.

In an analogous art, Oh et al teaches wherein the connection between the terminal and said subscriber database is established by using WAP technology (col. 3, lines 3342, col. 5, lines 58-65). The WAP is a protocol, which is being diversified and standardized in various modes, that enables the mobile terminal itself to carry out an Internet service, facsimile service, electronic mail service and TCP/IP connection, through wireless connection. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device of Dahm et al by specifically adding features the terminal and the subscriber database is established by using WAP technology in order to the IP address of an Internet application based on WAP as taught by Oh et al.

***Response to Arguments***

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-23,25,27-30 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

***Conclusion***

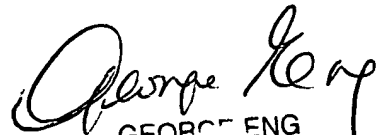
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